



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After Action
REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2001

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave.

Senior Advisory Committee	
Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Doris Bateman
Committee Member	Joan Harkness
Committee Member	La Gina Metcalf
Committee Member	John Bautista
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig van Keulen

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gadway at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Committee Member Bateman

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Led by Committee Member Harkness

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

YMCA Senior Program Staff

Teri Nelson, Executive Director, provide the Senior Advisory Committee with a written report of activities and programs at the Senior Center during the month of February. She reported that 13 new people attended the lunch program and that the average attendance for the lunch program during February was 77. Ms. Nelson added that she could provide the Senior Advisory Committee with a monthly report on the average attendance at the lunch program if desired. Chair Gadway indicated that the Senior Advisory Committee would be interested in receiving this information on a monthly basis.

Ms. Nelson also reported on the guest speaker during the month of February, Michelle Ashen, who provided information on tax consequences and how to avoid a problem when seeking Medi-Cal insurance benefits. She will return in May. The Senior Center also hosted a Valentine's Day Party with a dance in the morning. The Center will host a St. Patrick's Day lunch. The needs of the Senior Nutrition Program were discussed at the Senior Nutrition Site Council meeting and Site Council members encouraged members of the Senior community to attend the Senior Advisory Committee meeting on March 14, 2002. The Senior Surfers will not be in the Manzanita Room due to their request for security for the computers and CAG will be putting information pertaining to Seniors in the Manzanita Room. The YMCA has applied to for additional computers through the Olympic Committee. The Committee will be donating 4500 computers to non-profit organizations throughout the U.S. Bingo will be offered in the Manzanita Room 2 to 3 times a week.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso reported on the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The Commission had no further discussion on the Indoor Community Recreation Center and was waiting for the final funding allocation from the Redevelopment Agency.

Staff Balagso then reported on the March 6, 2002 Redevelopment Agency meeting and the funding allocations determined for the Indoor Community Recreation Center, the Library and the Sports and Aquatics Center. The allocations are as follows:

Indoor Community Recreation Center	\$26.2 million (land and construction costs)
Library	\$5.5 million (excluding land costs)
Sports and Aquatics Center	\$20 million (over 10 years/\$8 million for Phase I)

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NONE

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Commissioner Bautista

Commissioner Bautista was not present at the March 7, 2002 meeting. Staff Balagso attended the March 7 meeting and reported that th Handbook is completed and is available for \$5.00

per copy. CAG will be providing free copies to a few non-profit organizations that serve Seniors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Motion made by Committee Member Metcalf, seconded by Committee Member Harkness, approved 6:0.

BUSINESS

2. SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Recommended Action: Review report on the site alternatives for the Senior Nutrition and Services Programming spaces; and provide recommendation to Parks and Recreation Commission of site facility alternatives.

The Senior Advisory Committee took five minutes to review the staff report provided in the agenda packet. Upon review, Chair Gadway asked the members of public in attendance for their comments prior to beginning the discussion among members of the Senior Advisory Committee. A member of the public indicated she believed the seniors who attend the Nutrition Program would not want the Program to be moved to the old St. Catherine's Parish Hall on Dunne Avenue due to limited access, parking and traffic problems. The two other members of public agreed and stated that they did not prefer the Dunne Avenue site.

Committee Member Metcalf stated that she attended the Nutrition Site Council meeting on March 13 and asked Seniors attending the lunch program that day which site they preferred. The responses she received indicated that the Parish Hall (Dunne Avenue) and the Grange were not the preferred sites due to parking, access and traffic. They renovation of the Friendly Inn or moving the program to the future Indoor Community Recreation Center were the preferred options, although many like the Friendly Inn and don't want the program moved to a new facility.

Committee Member Bautista asked if the 2880 dedicated square feet at the Indoor Community Recreation Center included the kitchen or if it was just the dining hall. Teri Nelson stated that the 2880 square feet was the dining hall and that programming for seniors would take place in other areas of the Center. Chair Gadway stated she felt the issue of a kitchen, at any of the sites, dedicated solely to the Senior Nutrition Program would presents a problem and the issued of a dedicated kitchen vs. a joint-use kitchen needs to be clarified before a site could be selected. Vice-Chair Keig asked if the joint-use kitchen was mandatory. Committee member Harkness asked if the City has considered a site dedicated solely to the Senior Nutrition Program. Committee Member Mort stated that he felt the Friendly Inn in its present condition is inadequate and that the \$100,000 for renovations indicated on the matrix was insufficient to complete all the renovations required. He requested that staff provide a detailed summary of the costs to renovate and include how the square footage would be divided (i.e. dining vs. programs.) Chair Gadway agreed and requested that staff do further research as well. Chair Gadway also requested another column be added to the matrix which shows each site's potential for growth and ability to serve up to 200 people in the future. The County staff had indicated that up to 200 people could be served per day if adequate space, equipment and staff were provided. Vice-Chair Keig stated that the City should consider the long-term effects of selecting a site - should the City move the program to a site that would have to be re-renovated in 4 to 5 years? Or should the City invest in a site that would be efficient for the next 20 years? Teri Nelson stated that the capacity of the Friendly Inn is 120 persons. The renovations without considerable expansion would only provide room for 120 persons. Committee Member Harkness stated that the City needs to consider where the Senior Nutrition Program would be housed during the renovation of the Friendly Inn - should that site be selected. Teri Nelson responded that the other portion of the YMCA could accomodate

the Senior Nutrition Program during renovations if the YMCA should move to an alternative location. She informed the Senior Advisory Committee that the YMCA has another kitchen that would need minor renovation.

Chair Gadway stated that the Senior Advisory was unable to select a site to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Commission and their recommendation would be postponed. She stated that City staff needed to provide additional information regarding the four site alternatives. This includes the following:

1. Detailed report on anticipated renovations of the Friendly Inn, including costs.
2. Detailed report on size of dedicated space at Indoor Community Recreation Center and uses of additional space for Seniors. As well as detailed report on cost to build Senior Wing.
3. Detailed report on anticipated renovations at the Grange
4. Detailed report on anticipated renovations at former St. Catherine's Parish Hall

3. SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Recommended Action: Discuss and plan potential site visit to Evergreen Community Center Senior Nutrition Program in San Jose.

Staff Balagso informed the Senior Advisory Committee that the Evergreen Community Center has a successful Senior Nutrition Program. The Nutrition Program is housed in a Community Center owned and operated by the City, but has a Joint-Use Agreement with the County for the use of the kitchen. Ms. Balagso would like to schedule a site visit for the Senior Advisory Committee to the Evergreen Community Center to tour the kitchen facility and meet with Senior Nutrition Center staff. The week of April 22, 2002 was selected. Ms. Balagso will schedule the site visit during that week and contact each Senior Advisory Committee member with the date and time. The City will provide transportation to and from the Evergreen Center.

4. INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Report on Redevelopment Agency funding allocation for the Indoor Community Recreation Center and other Capital Projects.

See **Verbal Reports:** Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

5. SENIOR PROGRAMMING AT INDOOR COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Discuss programming needs and space requirements for Senior wing of future Indoor Community Recreation Center in order to begin development of Senior Advisory Committee's vision of Senior Programs in Morgan Hill.

Chair Gadway asked the members of the public for their input on the future Senior Programs in Morgan Hill. The members of the public indicated that they believed that they and other Seniors would be interested in exercise classes, games, computers, dances and swimming. Committee member Metcalf stated that many of the Senior communities in Morgan Hill do have pools. Teri Nelson stated that the YMCA has been approached repeatedly to provide water aerobics and classes at the pools of Senior Communities in Morgan Hill. She stated she believes this would be a popular activity for Seniors. Ms. Nelson also stated that the Seniors who attend the Nutrition Program, would not necessarily participate in Senior programs and activities. Chair Gadway stated that the age of the Seniors who would participate in the programs begins and 55 and goes up from there, so the programming would have to reach a wide array and interest and activity levels. Several members of the Senior Advisory Committee stated they believed programming should include: Senior Services, exercise classes, tax help and information, computer classes and access to computers,

theater trips and longer excursions (day trips and longer trips), dances, quilting and crochet, and bingo. Vice-Chair Keig provided the four activities he considers important: 1. bridge; 2. computers; 3. exercise classes and equipment; 4. games - checkers and cribbage (he even volunteered to teach cribbage). Chair Gadway commented that City staff would be ultimately responsible for programming and space dedication at the Indoor Community Center and staff could conduct outreach to determine the needs and wants of the greater Senior community in Morgan Hill.

6. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE - SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Only. Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso informed the Committee that she has joined the monthly distribution list for the California Senior Legislature and will provide this update at each meeting. She also stated that the Assembly Bill designed to required defibrillators at Bingo Parlors, Senior Centers etc. has been placed “on the back burner” due to the State’s budget constraints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In response to Committee Member Bateman’s request at the February meeting to find out if the City still had a Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness program, Ms. Balagso stated she learned that the City does indeed have such a program and that the program includes training for residents in disaster response and preparedness. The training is conducted in partnership with the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Ms. Balagso also stated that the City would conduct a training exclusively for Seniors. Ms. Balagso will obtain more information and will provide a report at the April Senior Advisory Committee meeting.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting scheduled on **April 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.** in City Council Chambers.
